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Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

1. At its 17th meeting, on 16 June 1999, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6/Sect.11B).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the programme of work carried out by the Centre.

4. It was stressed that the new administrative arrangements should not undermine the implementation of the programme of work by the Centre.

5. It was also stated that consideration should be given to a procedure which would enable the Committee to review the Centre's programme of work.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee noted with concern and regret that, under the new administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, the detailed programme of work proposed for the Centre for the biennium 2000–2001 would be submitted directly to the Assembly in the fall of 1999. As a result the Committee was not in a position to provide comments.

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7. The Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that it would not be in a position to render comments on the programme narratives of section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO.

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Section 12. Environment

1. At its 16th and 17th meetings, on 16 June 1999, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 12, Environment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (Sect. 12)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the document.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the principal institution within the United Nations system in the field of environment. Its positive contribution in addressing environmental issues was recognized. In this context, it was noted that as consultations were still under way in the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463) there might be a need for the Secretariat to adjust the programme with the outcome of such consultations.

4. It was noted that the resources of the programme should be considered in conjunction with section 27G, Administration, Nairobi, and that the savings, including savings in posts, resulting from the transfer of functions from UNEP to the United Nations Office at Nairobi needed to be clearly indicated.

5. It was observed that the format of the presentation of the section was not totally harmonized with the format followed in other sections and that a breakdown of resources

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by subprogrammes was not provided. Concern was expressed about the use in the budget section of concepts and terms that had not been endorsed and were still under consideration by the General Assembly. In that regard, it was noted that there might be a need to review the inclusion in the narrative of such concepts in accordance with pertinent decisions of the General Assembly and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. The view was expressed that there was scope for the refinement of the paragraph on expected accomplishments.

6. It was noted with concern that the programme was funded primarily from voluntary contributions. It was stressed that UNEP required adequate resources, in particular from the regular budget, to implement its programme of work.

7. The view was expressed that the Mercure Telecommunications System should be partially funded through the regular budget.

8. The view was expressed that there was a need for coordination with other United Nations agencies in order to ensure complementarity and avoid duplication.

9. The view was expressed that programme managers needed to implement more fully the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, which require self-evaluation and identification of activities that are inefficient, ineffective or irrelevant. The view was also expressed that the formulation of expected accomplishments was not feasible for some activities dealing with economic and social affairs.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to reformulate the narrative of section 12, Environment, in conformity with the standard presentation of the other sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and the resolutions and decisions of relevant intergovernmental bodies, subject to the final approval of the General Assembly. The revised narrative should be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-fourth session.

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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (item 4 (b))

Section 13. Human settlements

1. At its 17th and 18th meetings, on 16 and 17 June 1999, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 13, Human settlements, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (Sect. 13)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the document.

Discussion

3. The ongoing process of revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements was welcomed and supported. It was noted that the refocusing of the programme of work resulted in two subprogrammes instead of four and corresponded to the two major themes of the Habitat Agenda.

4. The view was expressed that the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements was undergoing a process of restructuring to make it more responsive to the requirements of implementing the Habitat Agenda as well as to the needs of Member States. In this connection, there was a need for the international community to support the Centre.

5. It was observed that the work programme of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2000–2001 was approved by the Commission on Human Settlements at its seventeenth session in May 1999. The need to review and update the programme budget document to reflect the outcome of the session was underscored.

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6. Concern was expressed about the use in the document of concepts and terms that had not been endorsed and were still under consideration by the General Assembly. In this regard, it was noted that there might be a need to review the inclusion in the narrative of such concepts in accordance with pertinent decisions of the General Assembly and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. The view was expressed that there was scope for the refinement of the paragraph on expected accomplishments. The view was expressed that programme managers needed to implement more fully the above-mentioned Regulations and Rules, which require self-evaluation and identification of activities that are inefficient, ineffective or irrelevant. The view was also expressed that the formulation of expected accomplishments was not feasible for some activities dealing with economic and social affairs.

7. It was emphasized that the programme of work should be consistent with the medium-term plan, taking into account the outcome of the restructuring of Habitat. It was noted that the issues of rural settlements did not receive sufficient attention and that they should be addressed by the programme, which tended to focus too much on urbanization and city issues. Attention was drawn to the need to support developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to implement the Habitat Agenda. It was also suggested that there should be more coordinated actions and cooperation within the United Nations system to facilitate the implementation of the activities under the section.

8. The need to recruit consultants on a broad geographical basis was underlined.

9. It was felt that the overall amount of the resources requested for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the Habitat Agenda might not be sufficient. In this respect it was observed with concern that other sections of the proposed programme budget also contained resource requirements for the special session. The view was expressed that all the resource requirements for the special session should be reflected under section 13. It was observed that the resource growth in the section was associated mostly with the requirements of the special session.

10. Concern was expressed regarding the relatively high level of extrabudgetary resources vis-à-vis the regular budget resources. At the same time, it was observed that the projections for extrabudgetary resources might be over-optimistic. It was emphasized that the cost-sharing arrangements in Nairobi between the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, the United Nations Office at Nairobi and UNEP needed to be clarified and that savings resulting from the restructuring of the Centre, in particular in connection with the transfer of certain functions to the United Nations Office at Nairobi, needed to be identified.

11. It was stressed that all the components under the two subprogrammes should be addressed adequately, and balanced funding should be provided for their implementation.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to reformulate the narrative of section 13, Human settlements, in conformity with the standard presentation of the other sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and the resolutions and decisions of relevant intergovernmental bodies subject to the final approval of the General Assembly. The

revised narrative should be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-fourth session.

13. The Committee recommended that the eighth sentence of paragraph 13.3 referring to the deliberations of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, which has no official mandate, be deleted.

14. The Committee recommended that in the second sentence of paragraph 13.25 the word "obligations" be replaced with "role" and the word "dwellings" be replaced with "housing".

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Section 14. Crime prevention and criminal justice

1. At its 18th and 19th meetings, on 17 June 1999, the Committee considered section 14, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (Sect. 14)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme, which was one of the priorities of the medium-term plan. The view was expressed that the programme of work was far too ambitious considering the available resources.

4. With regard to the activities on the prevention of terrorism, a question was raised concerning the division of labour between the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention and other United Nations bodies. The representative of the Centre explained that the work of the Centre in this field was not operational, but rather resulted from a division of labour with the Office of Legal Affairs, which supported the General Assembly's normative activities in this field, and that the Centre focused on research and technical cooperation.

5. It was stated that the narrative had to be strictly consistent with the mandates contained in the medium-term plan and that some activities, in particular the drafting of an additional

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protocol on computer-related crime and a convention against corruption and bribery, were not based on specific mandates. It was observed that such proposed international instruments had the same status as the instrument on money-laundering. The view was expressed that activities on early warning mechanisms should not be included in the programme narrative, since there was no mandate for those activities.

6. It was proposed to note with appreciation that a number of activities dealing with terrorism, which was one of the priorities of the Organization, were included in the programme of work, and support was expressed for the full implementation of those mandated activities by the Centre for International Crime Prevention.

7. The proposed increase in resources was supported. The view was expressed that the overall level of resources proposed for the biennium 2000–2001 was still insufficient to undertake the wide range of activities required by existing mandates. While it was considered that the use of consultants was excessive, the view was also expressed that they were necessary, given the high complexity of the tasks, and that they should be used wisely.

8. The view was expressed that the narrative did not adequately distinguish between core functions to be financed through the regular budget and activities to be financed through extrabudgetary resources.

9. Statements of expected accomplishments for the biennium were welcomed although it was regretted that those statements were not always accompanied by indicators of performance which would make it possible to measure the accomplishments.

10. With regard to publications, concern was expressed regarding the need to establish a balance between traditional and electronic dissemination methods to ensure that the needs of those who, for the time being, were unable to access information technology, such as the Internet, were met.

11. It was also observed that the narrative did not include references to gender mainstreaming.

12. The view was expressed that non-governmental organizations which had relations with the Centre should also have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Conclusions and recommendations

13. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that the decision of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to integrate a gender perspective into all the activities of the Centre on International Crime Prevention would be implemented.

14. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 14, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Throughout the document, the words "in all its forms and manifestations" should be inserted after the word "terrorism";

(b) In paragraph 14.3 (b), the words "to improve the capacity of States" should be replaced by the words "to support the strengthening of the capacity of Governments, at their request";

(c) In paragraph 14.5, the words "to reform legislation" should be replaced by the words "to improve legislation";

(d) In the third sentence of paragraph 14.8, the words "including law reform" should be replaced by the words "the improvement of their legislation";

(e) Paragraph 14.18 should be replaced by:

"The focus will be, in particular, on issues such as transnational organized crime, terrorism, the laundering of the proceeds of crime, corruption, environmental offences, illicit traffic in children and economic crime, which are all of primary concern to the international community";

(f) In paragraph 14.21 (a) (iii), the words "including early warning mechanisms" should be deleted after the words "financial crime".

15. Bearing in mind that activities related to the drafting of an additional protocol on computer-related crime to the convention against transnational organized crime and an international convention against corruption and bribery are not based in a legislative mandate, the Committee recommends the deletion of all references to those proposed instruments in the following paragraphs of this budget section: 14.17 (a), 14.20 (b), 14.21 (a) (i) g and h, 14.21 (a) (ii) i and 14.24 (a).

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Section 15. International drug control

1. At its 19th and 20th meetings, on 17 June 1999, the Committee considered section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (Sect. 15)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme, which was seen as tackling an issue of worldwide importance, and was one of the areas of work designated as a priority by the General Assembly. The strengthening of the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board was welcomed. It was stated that the programme narrative should follow the medium-term plan closely and that, if new decisions were to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, the programme of work should be adjusted accordingly. The view was expressed that the proposed programme of work did not reflect a balance between demand and supply and the need for a more balanced approach was emphasized. It was suggested that the narrative should highlight the work related to money-laundering. The view was expressed that the presentation of the general objectives of the programme was confused and opaque.

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4. The importance of activities related to the issue of amphetamine type stimulants was highlighted. It was suggested that the *World Drug Report* should contain information on best practices as well as information on specific countries. The need to provide assistance to countries used as transit routes was emphasized.

5. Statements of expected accomplishments for the biennium were welcomed. The view was expressed that those statements remained general and were not accompanied by indicators of performance. The view was also expressed that expected accomplishments did not always adequately reflect the goals established at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, held in New York in June 1998.

6. It was noted that negotiations were currently being held within the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the procedures for the biennial reporting of States on their achievement of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly. A decision on this matter was to be taken by the Commission at its resumed forty-second session to enable States to submit their first biennial reports in 2000.

7. Efforts to reinforce coordination within the United Nations system and with non-United Nations organizations were welcomed. The view was expressed that those efforts should be institutionalized, especially with the organizations outside the United Nations system. The view was also expressed that the idea of institutionalization of coordination with organizations outside the United Nations system should be further considered.

8. The proposed increase in resources, in particular for the programme of work, was noted with satisfaction and supported. It was noted, however, that the difference between core functions to be financed through the regular budget and activities to be financed through extrabudgetary funds was not sufficiently clear in the narrative. More detailed information about the different funds should have been included.

9. The view was also expressed that the proposed level of resources was not fully commensurate with the scope of the programme of work and that there was a need for balance in the distribution of resources among the various subprogrammes. It was noted that the resources earmarked for consultants had a tendency to grow and care should be taken to use consultants for substantive programmes and not for administration. The need for a coordinated effort in training was also stressed.

10. The inclusion of a narrative on gender mainstreaming and the advancement of women in the overview was welcomed and it was stated that the Secretariat should have included reference to a gender perspective in the subsequent programme of work.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 with the following modifications:

(a) At the end of the second sentence of paragraph 15.4, the words ", as well as to meet their goals and objectives established at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly held in June 1998" should be inserted;

(b) In paragraph 15.32, (d), the words "including those countries that are not members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)" should be replaced by the words "and other Asian countries";

(c) In paragraph 15.35, a new subparagraph should be inserted after subparagraph (b), reading:

"Contribution to the achievement of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly";

(d) At the end of paragraph 15.36 (a) (ii) a, the words "Biennial reports on the achievement by Member States of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly" should be inserted;

(e) In paragraph 15.44, a new subparagraph (h) should be inserted, reading:

"Strengthen the capacity of the Board to prepare its report taking into account information provided by the interested Governments";

(f) In paragraph 15.48, a new subparagraph should be inserted after subparagraph (a), reading:

"Facilitation of the examination of the biennial reports on the achievement by Member State of the goals and objectives adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly";

(g) In the last sentence of paragraph 15.56, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) should be inserted after the European Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction;

(h) The words "including production in enclosed premises" should be inserted in the following paragraphs:

Paragraph 15.63, fourth sentence, *after* cannabis;

Paragraph 15.64, last sentence, *after* illicit cultivation;

Paragraph 15.65, first sentence, *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.65, fourth sentence, *after* illicit cultivation;

Paragraph 15.67 (c), *after* cannabis;

Paragraph 15.67 (d), *after* cannabis;

Paragraph 15.68 (b) (iv) k, line 2, *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (ii), *after* crop cultivation;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xiii), *after* cultivation;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xiv), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xv), *after* cultivation;

Paragraph 15.68 (d) (xvi), *after* cultivation;

Paragraph 15.69, (a), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.69, (b), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.69, (d), *after* cultivated;

Paragraph 15.69, (f), *after* crops;

Paragraph 15.70, line 9, *after* cultivation;

(i) In the second sentence of paragraph 15.65, the words "at their request" should be inserted after the word "States";

(j) In the last sentence of paragraph 15.66, the words "South-West Asia" should be inserted after the words "Central and West Asia";

(k) At the end of paragraph 15.66, the words

"Cooperation in North America on the reduction and elimination of illicit cultivation of cannabis, including, *inter alia*, in enclosed premises, will also be of particular importance"

should be inserted.

12. The Committee called to the attention of the General Assembly the fact that the action plan for the implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, will be considered by the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session. Should the General Assembly approve the plan, the Committee recommended that the narrative of subprogramme 3 be adjusted accordingly.